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JUNK

Mrs. Traylor

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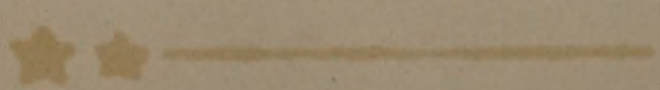

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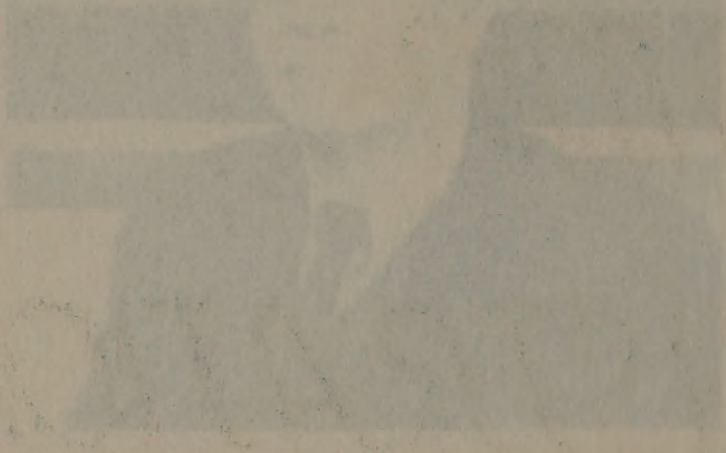

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A LOOK BACKWARD

During the latter part of the summer of 1940 the Board of Education of District Number 401 felt that compliance with the new transportation law of the State of Illinois would be a progressive step in the right direction. The result was the purchase of two new buses and the improvement of the newer of the buses then owned by the district. This fleet of buses passed the rigid state inspection which Illinois has adopted, and which is now the National School Bus Standard. The result of this improvement of equipment is that the state transportation refund is made available to this district, but most important of all is that every parent can be confident that his child is being taken to and from school in the safest, most up-to-date conveyance that can be purchased.

Not only are the buses safe, but the drivers of the buses are now under strict state supervision. Each is a licensed chauffeur, even the relief driver, and each has passed the strict physical examination administered by the state. In addition to this examination each had to pass a thorough test concerning traffic rules of the state of Illinois.

High lights of the year were the Christmas program consisting of "A Christmas Dream," presented by the lower grades and "Christmas in Review," presented by the upper grades and high school; the open house program consisting of slides taken at the school which depicted learning activities that are daily occurrences at the Ben Funk School; and the co-recreational games in which all members of the community participated at the February Community meeting.

A LOOK FORWARD

Mr. C. E. Vick, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mr. W.B. Brigham visited the Ben Funk School and recommended that the high school be recognized for the coming year, and that the grade school again be granted superior recognition. The report sent to the school as a result of this visit stated among other things that the state was definitely impressed with the improvement of instruction and the organization of materials from the first to the eleventh year, and that the building is more sanitary, and the interior decoration has definitely improved the appearance of the school. Hence, the parents and patrons of this school can look forward to another good year under the favorable auspices of county and state school officials.

The faculty again joined the National Education Association and the Illinois Education Association again ranking Ben Funk with a one hundred per cent membership in the major professional educational organizations. We take this opportunity to remind the pupils, parents, and other patrons of the school that we will be without the services of Wayne Van Huss who is going to give a year to the defense of America, and Lilabelle Traylor who will devote her full time to homemaking.

Contemplated changes to be made during the coming year are--the reroofing of the school house and the teacherage, and the construction of a cistern to serve as a reservoir for water to be used in case of fire. Both of these changes will soon pay for themselves in reduced insurance costs, but most important of all is that protection and safety will be added for those precious little future Americans who use the building daily.

HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIORS

Lyle Augstin--Entered '38, Freshman-Vice President, Sophomore--President, Junior--Secretary-Treasurer, Citizenship Club '38, Student Council '38, County Spelling Contest '39 and '40, Baseball three years, Basketball three years, Track Meet-dashes and relay, Boys' Chorus '39 and '40,"Broadcaster" Staff, Annual Staff, "Miss Mobray's Big Moment," "The Blue Bag," Puppet Show, "That's The Ticket," Perfect Attendance since entering Ben Funk.

Eldon Burley--Entered in '38, Citizenship Club '38, "Broadcaster" Staff, Annual Staff, "Fireman, Save My Child," "That's The Ticket," Track Meet--discus and shot put '40.

Frances Feicke--Entered in '31, Sophomore-Secretary-Treasurer, Citizenship Club '38, Foreign Correspondence Club, Girls' Chorus in '38 and '39, County Musical Contest '38 and '39, Orchestra for five years, District Typing Contest '40, "Broadcaster" Staff, Annual Staff, "Fireman, Save My Child," "That's The Ticket," "A Ready Made Family," "The Dizzy Baton."

James Limer--Entered in '38, Junior-Vice President, Boys' Chorus '38 and '39, Baseball three years, Basketball three years, Track Meet--shot put '40, "Miss Mobray's Big Moment," "That's The Ticket," "Here Comes The Prince," "Broadcaster" Staff,Annual Staff.

Rudolf Meiser--Entered March '39, Annual Staff '40 and '41, "Broadcaster" Staff, "That's The Ticket."

Geneva Stonecipher--Entered March '35, Junior-President, G. A. A. '40 and '41, Girls' Chorus '39,"Citizenship Club '38, "Fireman, Save My Child," Withdrew from school February 28, '41.

SOPHOMORES

Cochran, Lorraine--Future hostess in army camp to cheer the soldiers.
Cunningham, Evelyn--Our "Statue of Liberty."
Funk, Duncan--Our "good citizen."
Funk, Eloise--Vigilant like the blue of the flag.
Gilbert, James--Our future "might" of the nation.
Harris, Ina Jean--Perseverant like the blue in the flag.
Kwasigroh, Gordon--Douglas, debator.
Moberly, Tommy--Our future American League base ball player.
Muffley, Madelyn--Future Social Welfare Worker.
Muffley, Naomi--Future hostess in the army camp to cheer the soldiers.
Orrick, Frances--Our future nurse in the army.
Park, Charles--Our future Lindbergh.
Purcell, Mary--White stripe in our flag--purity and innocence.
Ransdell, Park--Our future president.
Roy, Ralph--Hardy like the red in the flag.
Stonecipher, Troy--Lincoln, debator.
Studeman, Glenn--Our future Thomas Edison.
Taylor, Mildred--Our "shining star" from Kentucky.

FRESHMEN

Bozarth, Russell--Our future American League base ball pitcher.
Conley, Thomas--Our orator like Patrick Henry.
Cunningham, Verle--Our future nurse in the army.
Grant, David--Our great constructor like Lincoln.
Grant, Mabel--Our future stenographer in a defense plant.
Graham, Ruth--Our future lecturer.
Lathim, Paul--Our Rembrandt, the great artist.
Limer, Ernest--Ambulance driver in World War II.
Perry, Cleo--Our future band majorette.
Schumm, Earl--Our future aviation man.
Slupianek, Ida Ann--Our first lady of the land.
Woolridge, Mamie--Our future "Red Cross" worker.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 29--Registration for school year 1940-41
September 2--School opens. New busses ordered. City busses on Mr. Van Huss'and Mr. Traylor's routes
September 3--Getting acquainted again and sharing summer's experiences.
September 6--New busses arrive. They look fine.
September 19--Freshman initiation. "Poor Freshies"
September 20--Monkey show in gym.
September 27--Community Club. Professor Woodworth showed colored pictures of Europe.
October 1--Junior party--weiner roast and skate.
October 3--Got new baseball suits. We looked as good as the "Tigers".
October 6--Reception for new teachers; shower for Mrs. Traylor.
October 15--Sophomore party. Chili and a movie.
October 16--Report Cards. (Minus the A's)
October 19--Our busses passed inspection by State.
October 22--Freshman party and skate.
October 25--Hallowe'en parties.
October 31--No school. Teachers conference day.
November 1--High School conference at University of Illinois and Elementary conference at Illinois State Normal University.
November 10-16--National Education week.
November 21-25--Thanksgiving vacation.
November 27--School dismissed for Mr. Frank Funk's funeral.
November 29--Community Club with Tumbling Act from Illinois State Normal University
December 4--Sophomore play--"Lookin' Lovely."
December 20--Christmas party in gym in the afternoon; Santa Claus with treats. Community Club and program by school at night.
December 21-January 2--Christmas vacation.
January 6--First Aid Class organized.
January 7--Fire drill.
January 8--Hot lunches began, and continued until warm weather.

January 10--Somester exams. Dr. Kionka gave physical examinations.
January 16--Tri-Hi Tournament held at Congerville.
January 20--McLean County Tournament.
February 5--National Hygiene Week begins.
February 6--Mr. Brigham visited Ben Funk School.
February 10--Mr. Sanders showed our Juniors how to blue print pictures.
February 20--High school and upper grades listened to President Roosevelt's inauguration address.
February 26--District Tournament at Wapella.
February 28--Community Club.
March 3--State ok's our water supply.
March 4--Ben Funk gets certificate of recognition of 3 year high school from Mr. Wieland, the State Superintendent of Schools.
March 5--Juniors started working on class play--"That's The Ticket."
March 7--G. A. A. party.
March 10--No school. Snow blockaded the roads.
March 14--High school boys swam at Y. and G. A. A. Girls went bowling.
March 17--Red Cross final examination.
March 19--High school and upper grade boys with their fathers visited Rantoul Army Air Field.
March 21--Open House.
March 24--Visiting Day.
March 28--Second Mid-West Conference of the Rural Schools.
April 5--G. A. A. Play Day.
April 15--Freshman party.
April 18--Junior Play--"That's The Ticket."
April 19--Field trip to State Capital and New Salem State Park.
April 25--Junior Skip Day
April 25--Community Club
May 2--Sophomore-Junior Banquet at the Tilden-Hall Hotel
May 9--Tri-Hi Track Meet.
May 22--Commencement
May 23--School picnic and beginning of vacation.

BASKETBALL

The basketball team did not fair as well as we had hoped. This was due mainly to the lack of maturity of the boys who failed to show well in the won and lost column, by winning but 2 and losing 12. We did, however, show promise as in the game in the County Tourney which we lost to Bellflower 16-14. The returning squad members are mainly sophomores who have been mastering their fundamentals this year so the boys are looking forward to next season. Tom Moberly was basketball captain this year. The letter winners are as follows:

James Limer	Lyle Augstin	Tom Moberly
James Gilbert	Charles Park	Ralph Roy
Park Ransdell	Gordon Kwasigroh	Eldon Burley

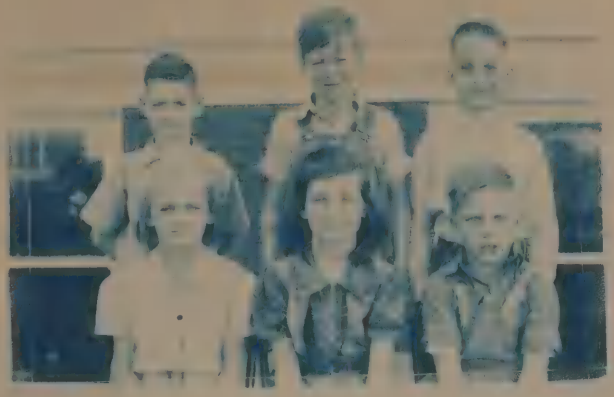
BASEBALL

The baseball team did not do so well either last fall, but we look forward to a good season this spring. We have a very good infield and we show some power at the plate. James Limer was our fall baseball captain; as yet, we have not chosen our spring captain. We hope to take a trip soon to Chicago to see a Big League ball game.

TRACK

We look forward to a fairly good track season this year. We should score heavily in the weights and dashes at the Tri-Hi Track meet. We have a jumping pit under construction, and we have some very good jumping standards made by the freshman class.

GRADE SCHOOL



PRIMARY

FIRST:

Cochran, Roy
Cook, Delores
Fener, Elma
Fener, Leonard
Grant, Junior
Johnson, Mary Jane
Orrick, Donna
Tarvin, Esther

SECOND:

Burger, Donald
Cochran, Lynn
Ferguson, Gene Ray
Gibson, Billy
Kidwell, Phyllis
Iathim, Harold Dean
Howard, Charles William
Limer, Duncan
McCombs, Stanley
Spaulding, Rose Mary
Swearingen, Gene
Woodford, Charlotte

THIRD:

Baumgardner, Floyd
Gibson, Eugene
Gibson, Leon
Grant, Kenneth
Spaulding, Charlotte
Stubblefield, Joyce

SPRING

March blows,
April grows,
Warm May days are coming!
Rain on flowers,
Happy hours,
Busy bees are humming!

Frogs awake,
By the lake,
Tired of winter sleeping.
Buds appear,
Sun shines clear,
Little ferns are peeping!

Third Grade

Dear Mrs Taylor,
I have enjoyed being a student in your classes & have learned a great deal. I am sorry to leave but we are moving. I wish you a very happy teaching next year.
Your friend,
Patty Pomeroll

INTERMEDIATE

FOURTH:

Funk, Frances
Graham, Ralph
Grant, Helen
Lewis, Eleanor
Limer, Paul
Retramel, Harold
Tarvin, Charlotte
Woolridge, Nina

FIFTH:

Cochran, William
Evans, Stanley
Hafley, Louise
Harris, Andrew
Meiser, Betty
Nelson, Carolyn
Orrick, Robert
Purcell, Phyllis

SIXTH:

Grant, Tommy
Hougham, Roger
Jordan, Bonita
Retramel, Doris
Spaulding, Bly

SCHOOL

We come to school, rain or sun.
Our district number is 401.
We come to school on a big yellow bus,
At eight thirty it comes after us.

We pupils still think Ben Funk School
life lots of fun,
Even though others may think it's a
lot of hum-drum!

Of course, we work, but still we play
And we have lots of fun doing it each day!

By
Doris Retramel
Grade 6

UPPER GRADES

We see in the crystal--

Seventh Grade

Joyce Burley--Librarian in the Wither's Library.
Mark Conley--Second baseman for the Chicago Cubs.
Gordon Feicke--First baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals.
Junior Ferguson--Chief mechanic for the Cities Service.
Harriet Kidwell--Private secretary for States' Attorney.
Mary Lou Orrick--Head nurse at Brokaw Hospital.
William Purcell--First lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.
Ruby Renfrow--Teacher in Ben Funk Junior High.
Delmar Studeman--Draftsman for General Motors.

Eighth Grade

Richard Funk--Head chemist for Dupont.
Lewis Hafley--Outstanding inventor of electrical appliances.
Helen Howard--Teacher in University High School.
Robert Neblock--A trapper in northern Maine.
Kenneth Purcell--Manager of a Super A. and P.
Jean Quinn--Conductor of Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
Calbert Renfrow--Forest Ranger in State of Washington.
Frances Rotramel--Teacher in one of the Decatur Grade Schools.
Richard Tarvin--Reporter for the New York Times.
Johnnie Thomas--Aviator at Randolph Field, Texas.
Josephine Thomas--Leading woman jockey in Texas.
Carolyn Woolridge--Leading woman jockey in Texas.

GRADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 29--Registration.
August 30--County Elementary Institute.
September 5--Election of seventh and eighth grade room officers.
September 17--Reading Clinic for Tri County held here.
September 18--Intermediate Vegetable Exhibit.
September 21--Primary shoe box parade.
September 25--Intermediate birthday party.
October 22--Grade cheerleaders picked.
October 30--Shirley Jean Quinn went to Chicago.
October 31--Weiner roast and masquerade.
October 31-November 1--Teachers Institute at Champaign.
November 1--First Elementary Conference, I. S. N. U.
November 4--Boys started practicing basketball.
November 6--Started working on Christmas program.
November 21-22--Thanksgiving Vacation.
December 3-4--Richard Funk went to the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.
December 5-6--Gordon Feicke went to International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.
December 13--Movie, "Birds."
December 16--Christmas party by Seventh and Eighth grade room.
December 20--School Christmas party in gymnasium in afternoon; Community club, evening. Vacation began.
January 2--School resumed.
January 10--End of first semester.
January 14--No school--icy roads.
February 12-13--District Grade School basketball tournament held at Ben Funk School.
February 14--Valentine parties in each grade room.
February 20--Upper grades listened to President Roosevelt's inaugural address.
February 25--Grade Basketball boys had party at Mr. Traylor's.
February 28--Music Program--Community Club.

March 10--No school--Teachers' Institute.
March 11--No school--Snow.
March 19--Upper Grade boys and fathers to Rantoul to visit Army Air Field.
March 21--Open House
March 24--Visiting day for teachers and board.
March 28--Rural Conference of NEA at Champaign.
April 3--Chicken Pox started in the primary room.
April 11--Easter parties.
April 29--Annual Upper Grade Track Meet.
May 2--County music contest.
May 8--Intermediate room broadcast over W. J. B. C.
May 19--Science trip to Funks Grove.
May 22--Eighth grade graduation.
May 23--School picnic and summer vacation begins.

GRADE SCHOOL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

		We	They
September 12	McLean	12	1
September 23	Stanford	20	7
September 25	Heyworth	6	2
September 30	Stanford	18	6

GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

		We	They
December 5	McLean	17	12
December 12	LeRoy	13	26
January 9	Armington (2 overtimes)	17	15
January 13	McLean	22	12
January 22	Heyworth (Heavyweights)	16	8
January 22	Heyworth (Lightweights)	24	11
January 27	Stanford	18	11
January 30	LeRoy	21	27
February 3	Heyworth	13	10
February 12	McLean (Dist. Tourney)	11	8
February 13	Heyworth (Dist. Tourn.)	18	8
February 21	Lexington (Co. Tourney)	20	30
February 25	Washington(Bloomington)	10	14

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Won third place in the County Heavyweights

We will miss your cheerful cooperation next year. May all of your troubles be little ones.

Paul J. Glaeser

To a mighty "sweet girl" and swell "Pal" — the best of everything — happiness, health, and prosperity! Love, Hairy Graves

Betty Lee Meiser

Carolyn A. J. Nelson

Doris May Rotramel

Bonita Jordan

Dear Mrs. Taylor
I love you little
I love you big
I love you like a little pig
Nina

Remember me as a true friend
Arthur Spear

AUTOGRAPHS

Eldon W. Burley
Frances Feicke
Rudolf Meier
James R. Lime (Jim)
Lyle Augstine
Clarence Funk
Gary Stroeifer
(a nice mate)

Remember me as an old friend at Ben Funk,
your friend,
Harriet

Dear Mrs. Naylor.
I hope you the best
luck in the future.
Good bye.
write
Bill

Johnnie
a best T. Thomas

To a teacher I met not in 41
I will miss you when you
go
your friend
Earl Glumm

Joyce Tubblefield

I am sorry that you are
leaving Ben Funk but your
cheerfulness will always
be remembered.
Love
Shirley Jean Zimm
("Jeanie")

Mrs. Taylor,

I hope you remember me as a good pupil.

Your pupil,
Duncan R. Funk
(Woodie)

What are we going to do for a typing teacher next year?
40-41 Gordon Kwaigroth

Stanley Evans

Dear Mrs. Taylor,
I'm enjoying being in Gym Physical Education class. I hope you are a success in Housekeeping. Remember me as just a kid from Kentucky.
Mildred Taylor

Dear Mrs. Taylor,
I will always remember your friendly smile and your kind words.
A friend,
Dean W.

Dear Mrs. Taylor,
I've enjoyed your Physical Education class. I hope you are a success in Housekeeping.
Sincerely,
Lawrence Fowler

AUTOGRAPHS

"Best of Luck"
Love
Frances Botham

Dear Mrs. Taylor
I have enjoyed having you with us.
I hope you have much success
Richard Farrin

Dear Mrs Taylor,
I wish you lots of luck and success in the future, and don't become to much of a good Businessman.
As you are good in this many
A Pal (and pupil.)
Jean Harris

Dear Mrs Taylor,
I hope you much success in the future and will remember you as a good Business training teacher
Your Student
Ralph Roy

Eugene Gibson

Best of Luck.
Ruth Graham

Dear Mrs. Taylor,
Wish you success in the future life.
Kenneth

Dear Mrs. Taylor,
Here hoping you, + you, Taylor Church success in the future. I am sorry that I wasn't in your classes because I like working with you
Yours B.E. pupil,
Mabel

Dear Mrs Traylor
lots of Good luck in the future
I have enjoyed you as a teacher
at Ben Franklin
Madelyn Muffley

Dear Mrs Traylor,
Although I never had you for a teacher only in physical education I know I would enjoy having you.
Your friend,
Lorraine Cochran
"V.H.G.C."

Dear Mrs Traylor
I hope you can read this even though you can't read my typewriting I paid in your student and I have enjoyed being your student and I hope you make as good a housekeeper as you are a teacher.
Lots of luck
Evelyn Shirley, Jr.

"Best of Luck"
A pal,
Ruby Benfield

Dear Mrs. T.
Here's wishing you much luck in your future (with Mr. T.).
A pal
Mary
V.H.G.C.

Dear Mrs. Traylor,
I'm sorry I never had you as a teacher because I'd enjoy nothing with you.
your pal
Cleo

P.S. Best of Luck to you and Mr. Traylor.

I have enjoyed being in your gym class Mamie Worlidge

Dear Mrs Traylor
I always wanted to be in your shorthand class but I have enjoyed being a student in your class.
P.S. Thanks for being our mascot. And "Good Luck" as a housewife.
A student at Ben Franklin
Naomi Muffley
Pres. V.H.G.C.

L.T.